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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 3, 2003, Applicant, without prejudice, is abandoning the above-referenced application in favor of a continuation application filed with the Patent Office on June 3, 2004. A Petition for a 3 month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, extending the time for response to June 3, 2004.

The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any fees associated with the Response to Office Action to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

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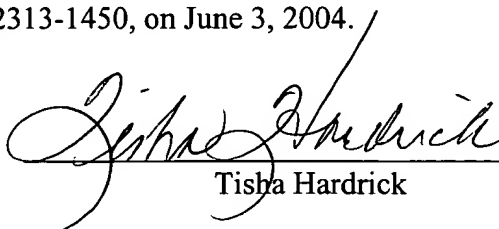
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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and Petition for Three Month Extension of Time, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as Express Mail Airbill No. EV330778256US in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 3, 2004.


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Date: June 3, 2004

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